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Items for the Daily Log - 26 June 1953

Legislative Counsel

1. Messrs. Schroeder, Duffy and Connors of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee brought down a movie presumably taken by the Cuban government showing the evacuation of the Russian Embassy in Havana and interior shots. The committee is thinking of using it for propaganda purposes. Representatives of FI and the Graphics Register were present and Mr. Schroeder has left the film with us for such duplication as we care to make. In return we are translating the short soundtrack.

2. Mr. Houston and I attended an executive session with Senator Watkins, Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on S. 1917, a bill to allow 240,000 refugees into this country. Representatives of State, I&NS, CIC and PSB were present. Discussion turned largely on the security safeguards which were being written into the bill as well as the extra cost and manpower which it might require. Mr. Houston pointed out that the checks which we made in matters of this kind were largely an adjunct for our normal operations and that only in isolated cases did CIA itself conduct personnel investigations.

3. Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Bundy of DDI have indicated that Mr. Amory plans to request the DCI to review or elaborate on his instruction regarding the reading of Congressional testimony and reports for statements contrary to official intelligence estimates. Their concern arises out of the work burden involved.

4. Mr. Trueheart of the Intelligence Staff of the Department of State called to inform me that Senator Humphrey had requested a State Department legislative official to have the Department prepare a draft of legislation to create an overall Government board which would assemble and assess all information on Russia and its satellites, thus coordinating and centralizing this information in such a way as to be able to make a final estimate on the subject at any given time. Senator Humphrey felt that this was necessary because the Foreign Relations Committee, of which he is a member, was receiving a different estimate of the international situation with every witness who appeared before the committee. The Senator felt that there should be one final, authoritative view. Mr. Trueheart instructed the State Department legislative office to show Senator Humphrey the National Security Act and explain that such mechanism in fact existed and that therefore there was no need for further legislation. He was further informed that if there were any additional questions he had on this subject his office should be in touch with the CIA Legislative Counsel. Mr. Trueheart feels that this project may be dead in view of the National Security Act.

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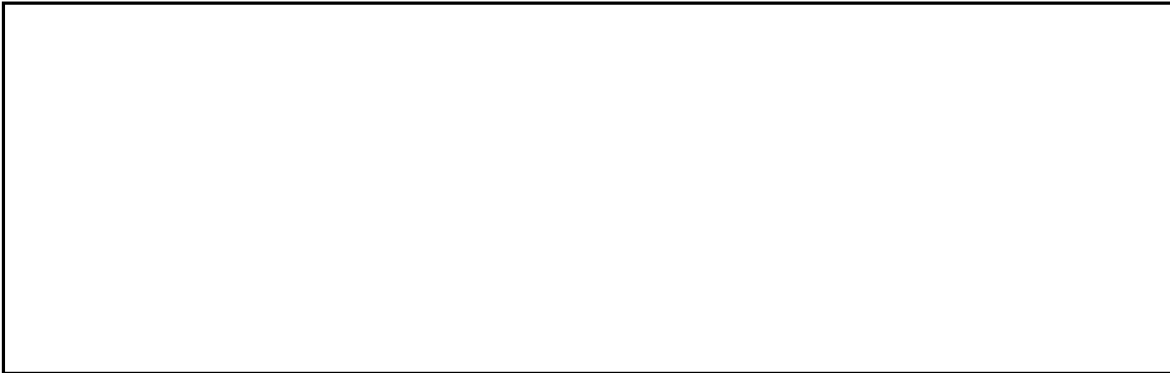
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6. Mr. Calhoun, secretary to Senator Flanders, called to state that Senator Flanders had read the file in the case of [redacted] in accordance with his agreement with Mr. Dulles and Secretary Stevens. Mr. Calhoun said that he and a member of Senator Aiken's staff (Senator Aiken also being interested in this case) are planning a meeting with MSA on 29 June and wished also to talk with me. They are interested in learning what information [redacted] supplied CIA and what persons he put us in contact with prior to his murder so that they may make a case before the Bureau of Employees Compensation to show that his death was in line of duty.

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